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STATE OF MAINE  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
106TH LEGISLATURE

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT " A" to H. P. 275, L. D. 381, Bill,  
"AN ACT Revising the Pauper Laws."

Amend said Bill by striking out all of that part  
designated "§4498." and "§4499." of section 1 and inserting  
in place thereof the following:

'§4498. --unincorporated places

When such organized municipality grants assistance to persons  
from an unincorporated or unorganized township, the municipality  
shall be reimbursed 100% for welfare costs to such individuals.  
In addition, the Department of Health and Welfare may appoint  
agents within the unorganized / townships to administer the program.

§4499. Costs; limit

When a municipality incurs net costs for furnishing such  
general relief in any fiscal year in excess of .0006 of that  
municipality's state valuation as determined by the State Tax  
Assessor in the statement filed by him as provided in Title 36,  
section 381, the Department of Health and Welfare shall reimburse  
the municipality for 90% of the amount in excess of such  
expenditures which the department considers to be reasonable and  
appropriate. For the purposes of this section, the municipal  
officers shall submit to the Department of Health and Welfare  
a monthly return under oath on forms provided by the department  
stating the amount of net costs for furnishing general relief  
beginning at the end of the month in which the municipality's

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general relief expenditures exceed the ceiling formula stated in this section.

§4500. Claims for reimbursement

The Department of Health and Welfare may refuse to accept and pay any claim for reimbursement which is not submitted by a municipality to said department within 90 days of the payment upon which said claim is based.'

Further amend said Bill in section 1 by renumbering that part designated "§4500." to be '§4501.'

Statement of Fact

The purposes of this amendment are to delete an equalization formula based on tax commitment for an equalization formula based on state valuation which better reflects a municipality's ability to pay, to provide 100% reimbursement for welfare costs to persons from an unincorporated or unorganized township receiving assistance from an organized municipality and to authorize the Department of Health and Welfare to refuse claims for reimbursement by municipalities if the claims are not submitted within 90 days\* from the payments they are based upon.

Reported by the Committee on Judiciary.

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